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The Teachers' Training Seminar was held at the Casa do Impacto in Lisbon, Portugal, from November 7th to 9th, 2022, and was organized by "ZERO-Associação Sistema Terrestre Sustentável". The seminar was part of the Students in Climate Action Erasmus+ project, which aims to develop environmental and climate change education materials for elementary and secondary school teachers and students.

The seminar was organised to promote the fourth intellectual output of the project, the Teacher Training Programme on Climate Change. More than ten teachers participated, including teachers from Greece, Poland and Portugal, and two representatives from each consortium partner of this project (Stimmuli for Social Change from Greece, Centre for Social Innovation from Cyprus, Pedagogical University of Krakow and Lubcza school complex from Poland, Alexandria Primary School from Greece).

During the three-day seminar, teachers had the opportunity to put the project's training modules and materials to the test. The seminar aimed to train and empower teachers in climate change education through workshops and expository sessions on various topics. The event marked a significant step forward in the project's efforts to create environmental and climate change education content for primary and secondary school teachers and students.

The "Associação Animar" was the seminar's keynote speaker of the seminar, and they presented one of their initiatives, "The Activism Academy", to inspire the participants. This initiative seeks to unite young adults aged 18 to 25 to reflect on emerging issues and encourage active community participation. This academy's main goal is to raise awareness and train young adults to become activists supporting local and global causes. After that, an overview of the project's actions and activities, followed by a presentation of the project materials.

The teachers attended "The Climate Fresk" workshop in the afternoon, which aimed to deepen their understanding of the underlying causes of climate change. The workshop aimed to educate teachers on the science of climate change, its consequences, and its impact on ecosystems and human lives. Participants had the opportunity to discuss individual and collective actions that can be taken to address climate change near the end of the workshop.

On the second day, guests participated in a roundtable discussion about the role of teachers in training future climate activists. The roundtable brought experts, activists, and educators together to share their knowledge, experiences, and perspectives on environmental education and youth climate activism in the classroom. Participants engaged in a lively discussion about the challenges and opportunities of teaching environmental citizenship and climate change in a way that inspires and empowers students. Following this open discussion, a Climate Knowledge Café was held, where teachers shared their classroom experiences with environmental citizenship and youth climate activism. The Café allowed teachers to share ideas, knowledge, and experiences with their colleagues.



Joana Sousa (@filocriatividade) led a workshop on critical thinking in the afternoon, which allowed teachers to understand how critical thinking tools can contribute to their students' climate change education and awareness. The workshop was an interactive session in which teachers investigated and discussed various approaches to teaching critical thinking skills to their students. The session concentrated on tools that teachers could use in their classrooms.

On the seminar's final day, participants went to the Permalab of "HortaFCUL", where they could learn about their permaculture and urban agroecology projects and their urban gardens' operation, composting, and the FCULresta, a mini forest in the middle of the city. The teachers could see firsthand the efforts made in urban environments to create sustainable ecosystems, reduce human activities' environmental impact, and get ideas for initiatives to bring to their schools.

The Students in Climate Action Seminar was a huge success, and it provided an excellent opportunity for teachers to learn about climate change education and engage in discussions about it. The organisers thanked all the guests, teachers, and partners who helped make the event successful, especially "Associação Animar", "Casa do Impacto, and "HortaFCUL" for hosting the seminar.